

A RESOLUTION directing the State Board of Education to develop recommendations and criteria for alternative educational placement options for students in K-12.

WHEREAS, local boards of education are required to establish alternative schools for students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) and may establish alternative schools for students in grades one (1) through six (6); and

WHEREAS, alternative schools established by local boards of education encompass various types of settings from intensive and restrictive placements to separate classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education adopted the **School Safety Policy** for Tennessee's public schools in September 1994; and

WHEREAS, this policy identifies, among other things, the need for additional and more clearly defined alternative educational placements; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education's School Safety Advisory Council, comprised of teachers, administrators, students, juvenile justice representatives, mental health professionals, and law enforcement representatives, has begun work on identifying these needed alternative placement options; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the State Board of Education shall provide to the general assembly, no later than February 1, 1996, recommendations and criteria for alternative educational placement options including any necessary legislation and its funding implications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education.

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